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PROMPT DELIVERY

Committees Receive Encouraging Support For Municipal Feature of the Holiday Season—Songs by School Children in Different Languages—Illumination of Union Square.

Saturday evening the programme committee for the public Christmas tree held a meeting at the studio of Prof. F. L. Farrell, the members being Mrs. Frank L. Farrell, chairman, Miss Maud Carew Buckingham and Miss H. Louise Fuller. With them met Miss Elizabeth B. Huntington, chairman of the general committee, and the secretary, Miss Ella A. Fanning.

The most encouraging reports were received from all sides regarding the work of preparing for the exercises. The other members of the general committee, each working along a definite line, are Mrs. George W. Lane, Mr. William B. Birge, Mrs. Edson F. Galland and Mrs. Henry M. Pollock. Three nights and Saturday afternoon. It was finally decided to hold the exercises about the big tree to be set up in Union square on Christmas eve. Christmas night at 5 o'clock on the Saturday afternoon after Christmas, concluding with exercises on New Year's eve. The evening hours will be from 7.30 to about 9.30. As soon as the set programme ends the Christmas bells are to be rung for five minutes, which literal Christmas bell feature is expected to be especially effective.

Charles D. Geer General Director.

The singing of the evenings is to be in charge of Charles D. Geer as general director. Of the children's exercises on Saturday afternoon Prof. J. Herbert George has consented to take charge. Mr. Geer has generously given up personal engagements out of town to do his important part in making the singing a success. Directors of choirs already appealed to have been more than enthusiastic in accepting an invitation to participate. Among others, Choirmaster William F. Habekotte of Christ church has agreed to have his vested choir sing their famed Christmas carols on one evening. Professor George is to lead the children by bugle calls which he does so well and is to have two young buglers to assist him. The programmes will vary each evening. This will give every church choir and musical organization an opportunity to be heard and leaders of such musical bodies not already reached are expected to report to some member of the programme committee as soon as possible.

Director Geer is to arrange for one rehearsal of his big chorus in due time, and Professor George will give the children a rehearsal on Saturday afternoon next at a place and hour to be announced. Most of the children already know the familiar Christmas carols, so there will be little delay in perfecting that portion of the programme.

Many Anxious to Aid.

The members of the committee are receiving the most encouraging offers of assistance, financial and otherwise, from all directions. It is the aim to have absolutely no expense on the part of individuals. The tree is the city's gift to the children, its setting up is the donation of the board of public works, the lights—white and colored—which Superintendent Kehoe and his men will use to decorate it are from the city gas and electric department, and for incidentals the chairman of the committee has received proffers of aid from the Board of Trade, the Play grounds association and the City Beautiful association. The idea is thoroughly understood that it is every child's tree, towards the success of which every grown-up is to aid by cooperation, and the offers of help have been general and most gratifying.

Singing in Different Languages.

In the matter of gathering the children to sing carols in the different languages work is being carried on as originally proposed; but as the Greeks have no resident priest and therefore no regularly organized school, the children scattered throughout the city schools, so may not sing in a body. However, there is a movement to interest the young Greek men in the ex-

ercises, with encouraging prospects. A leading Italian resident is enlisted in the same work for his countrymen. The German singing societies and the French choirs will, doubtless be heard from. Charles W. Pearson of North Main street is in charge of the Swedish singers, which insures success in that department.

One of the most sympathetic supporters of the plan to give the children pleasure is the Rev. L. V. Maciejewski, pastor of St. Joseph's Polish church, Cliff street, whose school principal, Leo Makowski, is also the church organist. The children of this church sing their hymns in both Polish and English, and will be heard with pleasure under Professor George's direction some time during the festival.

All the clergymen of the city to whose attention the tree project has been called are most enthusiastic over the plan, and have given assurances of valuable aid.

The Boy Scouts and the Knights of King Arthur are enlisted in the cause.

Director Swahn Plays in Norwich.

The Norwich tree was decided upon Thursday. On Friday New London announced a plan to have a tree, too, but on Christmas night only. There was an effort to secure Director John M. Swahn of Tubbs' band to play in the City by the Sea, but with true patriotism he decided to remain in his home town and while, through business reasons, it may not be possible for all members of Tubbs' band to play every evening, there will be a sufficient number to demonstrate the quality of this, one of the crack bands of the state. Director Swahn has in mind one or two novel features, sure to prove popular.

President J. C. MacPherson of the Board of Trade has given many helpful suggestions to the committee, and Mayor Murphy has been enthusiastic over the project from the first.

The women promoters of the plan have been surprised and pleased by the enthusiasm with which the business men have taken up the project. One enthusiastic merchant was for providing some simple gifts for the children; but distributing such gifts would be manifestly impossible. With all the buildings about Union Square lighted, and the trees and lights, it will be an ideal rallying point for the children and for their elders to enjoy their happiness.

It is expected that some of the city's best colored singers will be heard on one of the nights. This matter is to be left to a competent manager.

Not to Injure Trade.

An effort has been made in arranging the programme to avoid interfering with the important holiday trade of Christmas eve. As the exercises are planned to end not later than 9.30, the hundreds of visitors from all suburban points who will gather to hear the singing will have ample time to circulate through the stores before taking late trains or trolleys for home.

The City's Best Asset.

It is a disappointment that there will be no moon during the tree nights; but artificial lighting will have to supply for Lady Luna's absence. According to the spirit of unison and enthusiasm already manifested, the effort is going to be big from every point of view and a benefit to the town in many ways. As one optimistic business man said yesterday: "Norwich, a city over 250 years old, may have had one or two unpleasant little experiences during 1913, but it is going to be an inspiration to us all to see the town's young future citizens assembled in one big company like this, with their parents and friends to rejoice with them, and, after all, aren't the children the city's greatest wealth? It is for their welfare and future that most of us are working!" Other Connecticut cities which have taken up the municipal Christmas tree idea are New Haven and Bristol.

FOR TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS IN MORE CITIES

Is Recommendation of Committee of Which Supt. Graham is a Member.

That the sessions of the annual convention of the Connecticut State Teachers' association be held in a larger number of places in the future, including Norwich and New London, than is now the custom, is the recommendation of the committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the state association to devise, if possible, a better plan than is now in vogue for holding the sessions. This was unanimously agreed at a meeting of the committee held in New London Friday night with Superintendent of Schools Charles B. Jennings of Franklin street, chairman of the committee.

The committee consists besides Mr. Jennings, of C. L. Ames of Hartford, F. H. Beede of New Haven, E. J. Graham of Norwich, Henry B. Williams of Danbury, E. C. Andrews of Greenwich and J. R. Perkins of Danbury. All were present at the meeting except Messrs. Beede and Andrews.

At present the sessions of the convention are held simultaneously at Hartford and New Haven and the speakers at the meetings are interchangeable, the speakers in the morning at Hartford speaking in New Haven in the afternoon and vice versa. The sessions of late, however, have been very crowded, there being about 6,000 in attendance at both places.

The matter of adopting a better plan for holding the meetings was discussed at the last annual convention and the above named committee was appointed. The committee discussed all phases of the situation at its meeting Friday night and arrived at the unanimous agreement that it would recommend that future sessions be held in a larger number of cities simultaneously as at present in the case of Hartford and New Haven.

Further than that the committee decided not to divulge the exact recommendation, as it was deemed inadvisable to make a public announcement until it has reported to the executive committee in January.

The members of the committee were the guests of Mr. Jennings at dinner before the meeting.

At Evan Williams Concert.

Among the New Londoners to attend the concert given by Evan Williams, tenor, and Miss Ada Sassoli, the well known harpist, in Slater Memorial hall in this city Friday night, were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. James R. Linsley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Chappell, and Mrs. L. Tracy Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Chappell. Miss Sassoli has been the guest of Mrs. L. Tracy Sheffield for a brief visit.

Wildcat Shot at Suffield.

Suffield, Conn., Dec. 14.—Thomas O'Malley, 13, today shot a ten pound wildcat which his dog had chased up a telegraph pole in West Suffield. This was the second wildcat shot in this town within a short time.

A Document Certifying that certain Puritan was not guilty of witchcraft in the early days in Massachusetts, was a feature of the sale of autograph letters of the Eliot Danforth collection, at Philadelphia.

BURGLAR EMPTIED TWO CASH REGISTERS

Got Over \$100 from Two New London Stores Saturday Morning.

Two cash registers in the Gorton building, in Bank street, New London, yielded considerably over \$100 in cash to a lone burglar Saturday morning, Patrick H. O'Brien's barber shop at 10 Bank street and Louis Schwartz's cigar store at No. 8 were visited. Schwartz lost \$10 in change, O'Brien over \$100, he said, although he could not tell the exact amount.

This was the sixth or seventh burglary in the building, according to tenants, and the method of entering is by means of an unbarred skylight. Time indications to burglars are offered by this skylight, which is two stories above the street and completely hidden on all sides by the higher roofs of other buildings.

It is believed the burglar got to the roof by stepping through a window from an adjoining hotel.

RECEIPTS WILL BE BIG FROM AUTO DEPARTMENT

Will Probably Turn in \$400,000 for State Trunk Line Repairs in 1914.

Indications are that the receipts of the state automobile department for the year 1914 will be largely in excess of those of any year since the department was organized. Officials who are in a position to make a reliable estimate figure it at \$400,000. This money goes to the highway department for trunk line repairs and it is believed that it will amount to \$300,000 for the two years ending Oct. 1, 1915.

There has been a marked increase in the number of automobile licenses this year, which expire on Jan. 1. Receipts in December up to the 10th of the month aggregated \$37,000. For the same period last year they were only \$15,700.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service commission announces an examination on January 14th at Norwich as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier at Yantic, and other vacancies as they may occur on rural routes at post offices in New London county, unless it is found to be the vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion. The usual entrance salary for rural carriers is from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum, with an age limit of 18 to 35 on 1st day of the examination. Application form and full particulars can be secured from the secretary of the local examining board or the postmaster or from the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C. A person must be examined in the county in which the post office that supplies his home is situated.

Dominican Elections Today.

Santo Domingo, Dec. 14.—The general elections, which will be held tomorrow and Tuesday for members of the chamber of deputies, will be conducted in an orderly manner, the government promising that every voter shall have a free and fair opportunity to register his choice at the polls.

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